

# CCM 2012 Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

### **HB 5432, "An Act Concerning School Based Arrests"**

CCM appreciates the intent behind this proposal, however, we are concerned about administrative costs associated with the bill.

HB 5432, among other things, requires boards of education to "adopt and implement a policy regarding the role and responsibility of any sworn police officer of a local law enforcement agency or a sworn officer of the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services Public Protection who has been assigned to any school pursuant to an agreement between the local or regional board of education and the chief of police of a local law enforcement agency or the commanding officer of the Division of State Police."

In addition, boards would require boards to submit to the Commissioner of Education a yearly report on school-based arrests.

HB 5432 is but one of tens of proposals each year that add to the administrative burden placed on towns and cities. Here's but a very small example of proposals that would require boards of education to take on additional duties: HB 5349 (additional CPR & AED training), HB 5354 (additional physical activity for children), HB 5029 (remediation plans), HB 5348 (mandate an "appropriate" number of nurses in school districts), SB 305 (financial management), SB 359 (financial literacy).

Thank you.

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